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### Brief Bio

I hold a PhD in Nuclear Physics from Aarhus University, Denmark. For more than a decade I was a frequent visitor at accelerator laboratories such as CERN in Switzerland, studying the smallest building blocks of matter. A few years ago, however, I embarked on a new chapter. Eager to put my knowledge and skills to use in a more applied setting, I joined the Institute for Big Data Analytics at Dalhousie University, Canada. As the Senior Staff Scientist on the **MERIDIAN** project, I am now leading a team of data scientists and software developers in creating novel analytical and modelling tools for ocean research, with special emphasis on underwater acoustics.

### Employment

2020 – Present	Senior Staff Scientist, Dalhousie University
2019 – Present	Adjunct Prof., Computer Science, Dalhousie University
2018 – 2020	Lead Acoustic Data Analyst, Dalhousie University
2015 – 2018	Assistant Prof., Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, Aarhus University
2013 – 2015	Postdoc, Dept. of Physics and Astronomy, Aarhus University
2010 – 2013	Postdoc, TRIUMF, University of British Columbia

### University Education

2006 – 2010	PhD Physics, Aarhus University
2005 – 2006	Fulbright student, University of Washington
2002 – 2005	BSc Physics and Mathematics, Aarhus University

### Research Grants

2022 – 2026	Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk, <i>Building an ‘intelligent’ whale detection and movement forecast system.</i> , €1.0M (Co-P.I.)
2020 – 2022	Ocean and Freshwater Science Contribution Grant, <i>Building Neural Networks for Classification of Killer Whale Calls</i> , €0.40M (Co-P.I.)
2015 – 2018	The Villum Foundation Young Investigator Programme, <i>Nuclear Astrophysics at the Precision Frontier</i> , €0.41M (P.I.)

### Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

2020	Mitacs Accelerate Fellowship, <i>Identification of High-Frequency Periodic Acoustic Fish Tags With Deep learning</i> , €32k
2020	Ocean Frontier Institute Visiting Fellowship, €4k

2019	NVIDIA Accelerated Data Science GPU Grant, €2k
2010	The Villum Foundation Postdoc Fellowship, <i>Experiments in Nuclear Astrophysics With Radioactive Beams at the ISAC-II Facility at TRIUMF</i> , \$190k
2007	Foreign Graduate Student Invitation Program Grant, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan
2005	The Danish-American Fulbright Commission; Nordea Danmark-fonden; Faculty of Science, Aarhus University; Etatsråd CG Filtenborg og Hustru Marie Filtenborgs Studieleгат; Observator mag.scient Julie Marie Vinter Hansens Rejselegat, €18k (combined)
2002	International Physics Olympiad Honorable Mention

## Publications

Over 60 peer-reviewed research articles and conference proceedings plus a smaller number of feature articles and viewpoints; 1,047 citations and *h*-index of 18. (Google Scholar, 2022.02.05.) A selection of recent or noteworthy papers is provided below. For a complete list, see page 4 or go to [oliskir.github.io](https://oliskir.github.io).

2021	S. Medisetty, <i>et al.</i> , <i>Identification of periodic fish tags with deep learning</i> , The Journal of Ocean Technology <b>16</b> , 134–149.
2021	M. J. Rider, <i>et al.</i> , <i>Space use patterns of sharks in relation to boat activity in an urbanized coastal waterway</i> , Marine Environmental Research <b>172</b> , 105489.
2020	O. S. Kirsebom, <i>et al.</i> , <i>Performance of a deep neural network at detecting North Atlantic right whale upcalls</i> , The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America <b>147</b> , 2636–2646.
2019	O. S. Kirsebom, <i>et al.</i> , <i>Discovery of an Exceptionally Strong <math>\beta</math>-Decay Transition of <math>^{20}\text{F}</math> and Implications for the Fate of Intermediate-Mass Stars</i> , Physical Review Letters <b>123</b> , 262701.
2018	O. S. Kirsebom, <i>et al.</i> , <i>First Accurate Normalization of the <math>\beta</math>-delayed <math>\alpha</math> Decay of <math>^{16}\text{N}</math> and Implications for the <math>^{12}\text{C}(\alpha, \gamma)^{16}\text{O}</math> Astrophysical Reaction Rate</i> , Physical Review Letters <b>121</b> , 142701.
2012	O. S. Kirsebom, <i>et al.</i> , <i>Improved Limit on Direct <math>\alpha</math> Decay of the Hoyle State</i> , Physical Review Letters <b>108</b> , 202501.

## Talks

Numerous (> 50) presentations at international conferences and workshops including several invited talks. For a complete list, see [oliskir.github.io](https://oliskir.github.io).

## Software

2020	<a href="#">kadlu</a> , Underwater sound propagation modelling, Python
2019	<a href="#">ketos</a> , Deep learning audio analysis, Python
2018	<a href="#">simX</a> , Nuclear physics monte carlo simulation, C++
2018	<a href="#">Open R-matrix</a> , Nuclear physics modelling, C++

## Teaching

2013 – 2017	Extracurricular programme for 1st-year students, Coordinator
2015	Nuclear astrophysics graduate course, Lecturer
2014	Electromagnetism laboratory course, Coordinator
2006 – 2010	Physics and mathematics undergraduate courses, Teaching Assistant

## Student Supervision

2020 – 2021	Santosh Medisetty, MSc Computer Science, Dalhousie University (Co-supervisor)
2019 – 2020	Xuhui Liu, MSc Computer Science, Dalhousie University (Co-supervisor)
2016 – 2017	Helle Bisgaard Sørensen, MSc Physics, Aarhus University (Principal supervisor)
2014 – 2015	Sofie Tilbæk Nielsen, BSc Physics, Aarhus University (Principal supervisor)

## Conference and Workshop Organization

21–22 Nov 2019	Organizer of the workshop <i>Detection and Classification in Marine Bioacoustics with Deep Learning</i> with 30 participants from Canada, the U.S. and Europe.
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## Academic Services

2016 – 2018	Member of the Liaison Committee at the Department of Physics and Astronomy, Aarhus University
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## Refereeing

Physics Review Letters, Physical Review C, The Astrophysical Journal, Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, Hyperfine Interactions, Methods in Ecology and Evolution, PLOS One

## Professional Memberships

2018 – 2020	Member of the Canadian Acoustical Association
2013 – 2018	Member of the Danish Physical Society

## Languages

Danish (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)

# Publications

## Research Articles

- M. Kuhlwein, K. Lytje, H. O. U. Fynbo, A. Gad, E. Jensen, O. S. Kirsebom, M. Munch, J. Refsgaard, and K. Riisager. *Exclusive decay study of the 16.62 MeV ( $2^-$ ,  $T = 1$ ) resonance in  $^{12}\text{C}$* . Physics Letters B **825**, 136857. ISSN 0370-2693 (2022), URL <http://dx.doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physletb.2021.136857>
- S. Medisetty, D. Ouellette, F. Smith, M. Richard, S. Johnston, J. Quirion, J. Newport, C. Whidden, and O. Kirsebom. *Identification of periodic fish tags with deep learning*. The Journal of Ocean Technology **16**, 134–149 (2021)
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- N. J. Hubbard, C. A. Diget, S. P. Fox, H. O. U. Fynbo, A. M. Howard, O. S. Kirsebom, A. M. Laird, M. Munch, A. Parikh, M. Pignatari, and J. R. Tomlinson. *New Experimental  $^{23}\text{Na}(p)^{26}\text{Mg}$  Reaction Rate for Massive Star and Type Ia Supernova Models*. The Astrophysical Journal **912**, 59 (2021), URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/abee91>
- B. Padovese, F. Frazao, O. S. Kirsebom, and S. Matwin. *Data augmentation for the classification of North Atlantic right whales upcalls*. The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America **149**, 2520–2530 (2021), URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1121/10.0004258>
- O. S. Kirsebom, A. M. Howard, M. Munch, S. Sablok, J. A. Swartz, and H. O. U. Fynbo. *Experimental study of the  $^{11}\text{B}(p, 3\alpha)\gamma$  reaction at  $E_p = 0.5\text{--}2.7\text{ MeV}$* . The European Physical Journal A **56**, 179 (2020), URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1140/epja/s10050-020-00183-z>
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- M. Munch, O. S. Kirsebom, J. A. Swartz, and H. O. U. Fynbo. *Resolving the  $^{11}\text{B}(p, \alpha_0)$  cross-section discrepancies between 0.5 and 3.5 MeV*. The European Physical Journal A **56**, 17 (2020), URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1140/epja/s10050-019-00016-8>
- O. S. Kirsebom, S. Jones, D. F. Strömberg, G. Martínez-Pinedo, K. Langanke, F. K. Röpke, B. A. Brown, T. Eronen, H. O. U. Fynbo, M. Hukkanen, A. Idini, A. Jokinen, A. Kankainen, J. Kostensalo, I. Moore, H. Möller, S. T. Ohlmann, H. Penttilä, K. Riisager, S. Rinta-Antila, P. C. Srivastava, J. Suhonen, W. H. Trzaska, and J. Äystö. *Discovery of an Exceptionally Strong  $\beta$ -Decay Transition of  $^{20}\text{F}$  and Implications for the Fate of Intermediate-Mass Stars*. Phys. Rev. Lett. **123**, 262701 (2019), URL <http://dx.doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevLett.123.262701>
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